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Re: BNL-Atlanta Investigation

Dear Larry:

At the suggestion of Peter Clark and Scott Taylor of your office, we are providing the following list of assistance requested from the Department of Justice:

1. A written response by the intelligence community to our previous inquiries concerning:

(a) Whether the unauthorized BNL-Atlanta funding was orchestrated, approved or directed by any facet of the U. S. intelligence or counter intelligence community prior to August 4, 1989;

(b) Whether any facet of the U. S. intelligence community had any knowledge of illegal activities at BNL-Atlanta prior to August 4, 1989, and if so, what did they know and when did they know it;

(c) Any information about and/or photographs of the individuals named in our prior inquiries; and

(d) Confirmation, or lack thereof, of Taha's alleged death in London between June 4, and 6, 1990, as reported in the Financial Times. Taha received his heart transplant at Royal Free Hospital in Hamstead, England.

2. Determination of how to best arrange the funding and authority needed to use Acorn Group for case graphics;

3. Coordination with OIA to arrange:

(a) Our review of TDG and Matrix Churchill, Ltd. (MCL) and TDG documents seized by British authorities;

(b) Meetings with British and German investigators who have information regarding tentacles of the Iraqi procurement network funded by BNL-Atlanta; and

(c) Meeting with Italian magistrate well in advance of any magistrate interviews of our witnesses.

4. Coordination with United States Attorney's Office and Customs in Cleveland to assist in our obtaining Matrix Churchill Corp. (MCC) documents subpoenaed by the Northern District of Georgia grand jury prior to the Cleveland search warrant. Since there are grave concerns about the validity of that warrant and affidavit in support, it is most important that Customs, who now has custody of the seized MCC documents, copy the records listed in our grand jury subpoena and release the copies to the Matrix custodian for production before the Atlanta grand jury. There should be continued coordination between Cleveland and Atlanta as both cases progress due to the same documents and witnesses being required in both districts and both investigations impacting an area of concern outside the United States.

5. Confirmation that Bob Meuller, or whoever is making final decisions, does wish us to proceed immediately with Leigh New, Amedeo DeCarolis, Thomas Fiebelkorn and Therese Barden plea negotiations on the terms generally suggested by and discussed with Messrs. Clark and Taylor.

Thank you for allowing Peter Clark and Scott Taylor of your office to spend three long days with us this week. Their input was certainly appreciated. I hope we have addressed many of your concerns in the time spent with Messrs. Clark and Taylor. In addition, we have begun work on their list of DOJ suggestions and requests which will be forwarded as completed.

Sincerely,

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